

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

C.D.A., minor child, and MR. A.,
his father; and E.A.Q.A., minor
child, and MR. Q., his father,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-469

ORDER

AND NOW, this 7th day of July, 2021, after considering the stipulation to hold the case in abeyance jointly executed by the parties (Doc. No. 17), it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The joint stipulation (Doc. No. 17) is **APPROVED**.¹ This action will be held in abeyance through September 7, 2021; and
2. The clerk of court shall **PLACE** this case in **CIVIL SUSPENSE** pending further order of court.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Edward G. Smith
EDWARD G. SMITH, J.

¹ The stipulation is attached to this order.

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**JOINT STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER
TO HOLD CASE IN ABEYANCE**

Subject to the Court's approval and by and through their counsel of record,
the parties stipulate as follows:

1. Plaintiffs filed this action under the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b)(1), 2671, *et seq.*, and Alien Tort Statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1350, on February 1, 2021.
2. Defendant United States filed a Motion to Dismiss on April 26, 2021. Plaintiffs' time to respond to the motion is currently July 9, 2021.
3. The United States, along with a group of counsel who are coordinating negotiations on behalf of plaintiffs and claimants, are engaged in a nationwide effort to settle district court cases and pending administrative tort claims arising from family separations at the U.S./Mexico border that occurred during the prior

administration. While significant progress has been made, due to the scale and complexity of the effort, additional time is needed to achieve a global resolution of these matters.

4. Accordingly, the parties have agreed to and seek an order from the Court holding this action in abeyance for a period of sixty (60) days, through September 7, 2021, during which the settlement discussions will continue.

A proposed Order is submitted contemporaneously to the instant motion.

Dated: July 6, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Karen Hoffmann, certify that on July 6, 2021, I served a copy of the Joint Stipulation and Proposed Order to Hold Case in Abeyance on all parties by CM/ECF.

Date: July 6, 2021

/s/ Karen L. Hoffmann

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